

In the Specification:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Page 1, lines 1 and 2, delete "Process and facility for heat recovery in the production of 1,2-dichloroethane" and substitute the following title:

METHOD AND DEVICE FOR UTILIZING HEAT IN THE PRODUCTION OF 1,2-DICHLOROETHANE;

Page 1, after the title and before the first line of text, please insert the following paragraph:

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application claims continuation status from U.S. Patent application Serial No.10/070,842, filed May 22, 2002., which was a 371 application off of international application PCT/EP00/08963 filed 14 September 2000. U.S. patent application Serial No. 10/070,842 was pending as of the filing date of this application. U.S. Patent application Serial No.10/070,842 is hereby incorporated by reference as if set forth in its entirety herein.

Page 1, line 4, insert the following subject heading:

### BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Page 4, line 11, insert the following subject heading:

### SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Page 5, line 30, insert the following subject heading:

### BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Page 6, line 5, insert the following subject heading:

### DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS

On page 12, please delete the original abstract and insert the following new abstract: